

ANNAPOLIS – DIGBY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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COUNCIL MEETING

1st Baptist Church of Annapolis Royal

OCTOBER 26, 2019 9:00 AM

PRESENT: Cathy Batson, Eugene Foster, June Little, Jeff Milne, Brian Wallace, Gerry Bezanson, Tim O’Blenis, Lloyd Gillieo, Betty Gillieo, Deborah Wetmore, Jeff White, Sharon White, Linda DeMone, Danny Townsend, Paul Wear, Dave Longley, Sharon Longley, Mark Cress, Gerry Marshall, Barb Morse, Elizabeth Legassie, Fred Bigelow.

No regrets.

The Moderator Rev. Linda DeMone welcomed those present and opened the meeting with prayer. The devotional for the meeting was given by Rev. Lloyd Gillieo, pastor of the Victoria Vale Baptist Church.

Devotional

The Devotional was taken from Acts 12:1-7

Prayer is very important in the church and one’s own personal life.

Prayer brought salvation. Elderly couple prayed for Lloyd’s salvation.

Prayer is the backbone of the Christian Church.

In the Scripture that was read, the church did not know what was in their future, the same as the church of today.

Peter was in prison and the church was praying for Peter. Fervent, serious, earnest, focused prayer for Peter.

We need to be very specific in our prayers.

The early church joined their hearts and voices in prayer. Miracles took place because the church prayed.

Minutes of last Council Meeting

Minutes of the March 23rd Council Meeting were viewed, and amendments were made where needed.

Motion # 1. It was moved by Cathy Batson and seconded by Lloyd Gillieo that the amended minutes be approved. Motion Carried.

A committee of three was set up to go over the six applications for Cluster Grants: Those on the ad-hoc Committee: Cathy Batson, Paul Wear and Brian Wallace.

Financial Report

The Clerk-Treasurer presented the Financial Report from May 1st – October 26th, 2019. The Association received an increase in rebates from CBAC which helped the Association's financial situation. We were able to give Kingswood Camp their allotment earlier than usual.

Motion # 2: Fred Bigelow moved the adoption of the Financial Report and seconded by Jeff White. Motion Carried.

Discussion was had on sending monies to Camp Peniel. The feeling was that we should have a representative from Camp Peniel come and speak to us. Linda DeMone is going to invite someone to come and speak to us at our Spring Council Meeting.

Tim O'Blenis from New Tusket Baptist Church spoke on how his church sponsors children who want to go to camp up \$200.00 per child.

The feeling was that we should not take away from Camp Kingswood.

Motion # 3: Sharon White moved, and Jeff Milne seconded that we table the subject of Camp Peniel until we hear from a representative.

Jeff Milne asked do we need to have someone come to give financial help?

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Sharon White suggested having Rev. Dan Pyke come to speak. An alternative if Dan couldn't come would be Joel Murphy. Joel is a student at Acadia, part-time at CBAC. If these are not able to come, the Executive will continue to search.

Vote for Rev. Dan Pyke as the new Director of Youth & Family Ministries

June Little read Rev. Dan Pyke's biography.

Motion # 4: Brian Wallace moved and seconded by Sharon White that we agree with CBAC Council's decision to appoint Rev. Dan Pyke as the New Director of Youth & Family Ministries. Motion Carried.

Rev. Wayne Merrill the representative to the CBAC Nominating Committee informed the Clerk that his term on the Committee was up in 2020 and it would be Annapolis Digby's turn to appoint a person to the to represent region 8. When this information was sent out to the churches by the Clerk of our Association, Rev. Libby Amirault volunteered to be appointed to represent our area on the Nominating Committee.

Motion # 5: Elizabeth Legassie moved, and Sharon Longley seconded the motion that Libby Amirault be appointed to the CBAC Nominating Committee. Motion Carried.

Moderator asked if churches received Rev. Danny Smith's Connector updates. It was reported that his reports are emailed to the pastors. Some of the newer pastors were

not receiving his report and the clerk will send their email addresses to Danny for future updates.

Kingswood Camp Captain Dave Longley

Highlights of Dave's written report.

A strong focus on school field days. 1157 students came over 20 days.

This spring built a new zipline course.

Highlights of the summer camping season:

25 campers put their faith in Jesus Christ for the first time.

200 campers were given their first Bible.

443 registered campers, 30 teen volunteers.

Moderators Report Rev. Linda DeMone

I would like to thank each and everyone of you for faithfully attending Association Council and Annual Meetings. With Rev. Danny Smith now as our Connector, you are now receiving updates of what is going on in our Association.

It has been a busy year with the Council meeting in March, the Annual Meeting April 27th and three induction services which have taken place thus far. One in New Tusket on June 2nd, one on July 6th at Westport, one in Nictaux on October 20th and one to take place in Wilmot on November 17th. There will be an Ordination Service for Keith Pineo, November 10th at 2 pm in Melvern Square.

Finally, we need to share the load and fill vacancies; Vice Moderator and the assistant Clerk-Treasurer positions.

Team Rima in partnership with: Hill Grove Baptist Church (Sponsor Church) & CBAC (Sponsor Agreement Holder)

- Application: We await the issuing of the family's visa's after their security clearance has been completed. Once issued, arrival will be anywhere from 4-20 weeks after the issuing of visas.
- Finances: We have raised just over \$52,000. And continue to fundraise to cover unforeseen medical, dental, and living expenses, and hopefully will have some leftover to help with their flight loan repayments which will start on the thirteenth month after arrival.
- Housing: We have secured a rental house in Digby. It is being renovated at present and will be ready mid-December. We will soon send out request for household items.

- Fundraising: Our current fundraiser is selling chocolates in time for Christmas. Order deadline is November 20th to Sharon White, so delivery can be by December 16th.

Webmaster's Report Sharon White

The link to the Association Website is: annapolisdigbybaptist.com

Check our link on your church's website please.

CABF (Canadian Association of Baptist Freedoms) link change request has been sent.

Sharon White will do the Devotional for Council Meeting on March 28, 2020

June Little will bring the snacks

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Digby Baptist Jeff White

Ministry stable this year compared to last. Question being asked is God trusting Digby Baptist. There has been an increase in finances, new people and encouraging things taking place.

Victoria Vale Lloyd Gillieo

1. I preached Sunday Services during July, August and September
2. Became their Pastor - October 1, 2019
3. We have prayer meeting and Bible Study Wednesdays at 1:30 pm.
4. Pastor plans to visit all local members of the church over next few months
5. Non-perishable items were donated to Nictaux Food Bank for Thanksgiving
6. Each Communion Sundays, non-perishable items will go to Food Bank
7. Last Sunday of month we have a birthday lunch for those who celebrated a birthday during month
8. November 10 we will be having a Remembrance Service beginning at 10:45 am
9. We will be meeting to discuss how we can have an outreach within community

Culloden Baptist Church Deborah Wetmore

God has been leading us, the Culloden Baptist Church, in growing more Spiritually mature & now He has opened a way for us to actually begin stepping out, seeking a rapport with the neighbourhood of the Culloden Church's building in following Ray Comfort's 1st two steps of Evangelism, which are: To Relate & To Create.

We seek prayers, for God to continue to open the hearts of the people of the Neighbourhood of Culloden, to His Loving Salvation plan!

Wilmot Baptist Church Gerry Bezanson

Gerry Bezanson is the new kid on the block since coming to Wilmot on July 07th 2019.

Saw an increase in VBS (22) during the Christmas In July event.

Don't mind going door to door doing visitations

Doing Prayer Meeting Thursday mornings.

More prayers answered and healing taking place. People are coming together to pray.

Attendance is growing. Had 6 new commitments

God is doing something precious in the hearts of people.

Induction Service November 17th at 3 PM

Smith's Cove Baptist Church Mark Cress

Bible Study has seen growth with more people attending. Running out of room. 25 or more over half of the congregation. Some attending are not members of the church.

Annual Seafood Chowder Supper Saturday November 9th.

New Tusket Baptist Church Tim O'Blenis

Community Heritage night in March. Light lunch & Community Pictures

Fellowship following Sunday services

Ladies Bible Study every 2nd Wednesday morning

Had 3-day DVBS in July with 12 kids

Focus on young people. 20-30 kids ages 6-16 on Thursday Night

Men meet 1st Monday night per month

Community meal (free) 1st Wednesday of each month

Meals for seniors 2nd Wednesday per month

Christmas Tea early November

Paradise – Lawrencetown Baptist Churches Eugene Foster

We are 4 months into a 6-month trial time together

At our respective annual meetings in the new year we will vote on whether to stay together and finish up business from the half of the year we were separate entities.

We have worked well together in the deacon board and social committee.

July – August 7-8 pm Read together a fair amount of the New Testament

Bible Studies are going well

BBQ outreach on church lawn Wednesdays at noon July – September.

The blending of the two congregations is working well.

Our refugee family was not baptized, but their year of support is over in November.

We have a young man who came to us from Iraq via Turkey in June. He is doing well, working until a week ago, and hoping to have his driver's license soon.

Nictaux Baptist Church Jeff Milne

Had a Pulpit Supply Appreciation

1st week of being there had Hurricane so no service.

November 10th will be observing Remembrance Day

December Hanging of the Greens

Induction Service was October 20th and 128 in attendance.

Annapolis Baptist Pastorate Elizabeth Legassie

Churches if the Pastorate were shocked, yet amazing supportive in so many ways at the passing of Pastor's husband, Rev. Dr. Randolph Legassie. Pastor was off for most of June.

Second Alpha program ended in June and has morphed into a new group ("Growing in Christ") which meets twice a month and has 16 regular attendees.

Sunday school continues but is struggling due to small number of children who attend.

From September to November of this year, there have been special activities to honour and celebrate the 145th anniversary of First United Baptist Church of Annapolis Royal. There have been two musical evenings, a Roll Call service, an historical presentation about the church given by Paul Wear and a Church Family Night. The official

anniversary service will take place on November 17th, with former pastor, the Rev. Derrick Marshall, as guest speaker, followed by a potluck lunch.

Inglewood Baptist Church Cathy Batson

There is a deacon at the church who is 100 years old

Cathy has been pastoring there for 12 years. 12 – 15 people

Cathy will be released as pastor as they want to change the way of doing ministry. Releasing Cathy will open doors to new ministry.

Cathy wants prayer for prayer for the membership new roll and for guidance in her future. Pastor Tim O'Blenis offered up a prayer for Cathy.

Margaretsville Baptist Church June Little

We have done Friday Night Supper Out program for awhile. However, this year we did it in July and August as well. Had 40 in attendance. Devotional of 4-5 minutes before the meal either by the pastor or June.

In November planning on having a variety show.

This summer we held a café. The pastor wanted to be like an European café and have it outside. Being close to the shore it is windy and was inside mostly. Encouraged the road crew to come in for a coffee but none did so. Had a freewill offering. Some of the guests were from Iowa, Ohio and Ottawa.

Ladies had a craft group which grew from the homes to the church. After having the coffee group, the men were invited. Jeff Carter invited a man from Berwick to do whittling.

Started a Meal Convenor. Organizes meals for people who have had strokes, hip surgery etc; Helped the person with the meal

The members of the church do wreath making. Made cards at Easter time. Took door to door in the community. Only one person refused said no thank you. The card listed what we were doing for Easter. Plans are being made to do the same at Christmas.

We are a small church. We have coffee sometimes; we have done breakfast and coffee after church. More people are coming

Bridgetown Baptist Church Brian Wallace

VBS attendance was up. New kids came, now are coming to church.

Jimmy came to faith in Jesus. Had a rough life. Set up a Facebook page for Christ. Wanted to do a Bible Study for his friends. He was baptized this summer along with people from different churches in a lake.

Neighbourhood assessment was Helpful. One was a prayer walk. Split up in groups of 3-5 people. See something pray, pray for housing, pray for this or that etc. Getting back together has been awarding

218th Anniversary of the church last week. Had a growing workshop. Invite these bright spots to come to a meeting and tell us what they do well.

Rossway Baptist Church Linda DeMone

Went to Impact Youth Group to learn how to do a youth group.

We have 25 youth; we did a scavenger hunt to learn about Jesus

Planning a Baptism on November 24th.

Bear River East Baptist Church Fred Bigelow

In June had our church service at Savory Park in Plympton. Surprised to have all the church there, 47 of us. Had a worship service, barbecue, and games for the children

In July we had VBS on the life of Moses. One of our men had a vision of how to tell the story of Moses through drama. He made the props relating to Moses trip down the river for Pharaoh's daughter to see, people exiting Egypt crossing the Red Sea, Moses receiving the Ten Commandments and destroying the Golden Calf.

Bear River East Baptist is building on a new sanctuary, kitchen, and meeting room.

This fall we are doing Alpha, a worship service once a month at Tideview Nursing Home in Digby, preparing for Christmas with the Hanging of the Greens Service and a Variety Concert for Christmas.

Respectively Submitted,

Fred Bigelow, Clerk